

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A finger guide allowing a user to perform measuring, marking, and cutting operations upon an object having a top surface and an edge, comprising:
 - a. a top guide, having an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein said lower surface is positioned to bear against said top surface of said object;
 - b. an edge guide, connected to said top guide and positioned to bear against said edge of said object; and
 - c. a tape trough located in said upper surface of said top guide.
2. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 1, further comprising an index finger hole passing completely through said edge guide, wherein said index finger hole is large enough to allow passage of said user's index finger therethrough.
3. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 1, wherein:
 - a. said edge guide has an edge mating surface and a second surface distal to said edge mating surface; and
 - b. said second surface includes a middle finger trough positioned to accommodate said user's middle finger.
4. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 1, wherein said upper surface of said top guide includes a reference mark.

5. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 1, wherein said edge mating surface of said edge guide includes a relief bevel.
6. (Amended) A finger guide allowing a user to perform measuring, marking, and cutting operations upon an object having a top surface and an edge, comprising:
 - a. a top guide, having an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein said lower surface is positioned to bear against said top surface of said object;
 - b. an edge guide, connected to said top guide and positioned to bear against said edge of said object; and
 - c. an index finger hole passing completely through said edge guide, wherein said index finger hole is large enough to allow passage of said user's index finger therethrough.
7. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 6, wherein said upper surface of said top guide opens into a tape trough.
8. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 6, wherein:
 - a. said edge guide has an edge mating surface and a second surface distal to said edge mating surface; and
 - b. said second surface includes a middle finger trough positioned to accommodate said user's middle finger.

9. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 6, wherein said upper surface of said top guide includes a reference mark.
10. (Original) A finger guide as recited in claim 6, wherein said edge mating surface of said edge guide includes a relief bevel.